

# ***IOWA OUTDOORS***

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## **STATE PARKS READYING FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

DES MOINES – Campers from surrounding states heading to Iowa State Parks for Memorial Day Weekend are being asked to not bring firewood into Iowa, to help prevent the spread of the emerald ash borer, a small beetle native to Asia. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources surveyed areas around each park to identify where wood was available for campers and is providing the information at the park.

The emerald ash borer has devastated the ash population around Detroit and Chicago and has been found in other areas of Michigan and Illinois as well as Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin. Those five states have a quarantine on moving firewood and other wood products.

“What we are trying to do is to slow the spread of this pest. The most efficient way is to not move firewood from state to state,” said Greg Van Fosson, who supervises state parks in north central Iowa for the DNR. “We are trying to make people aware of this through signs in our parks, on posters, on our website and on our registration cards. If someone comes from one of the quarantined states, we will require them to burn all their firewood within 24 hours.”

State parks will be a busy place for Memorial Day Weekend. Nearly every electrical site available through the campsite reservation system is taken. Campers wanting a site for the weekend should plan to arrive early to secure a first come, first serve campsite.

“Campers who plan to stay in our more heavily used parks may want to call ahead to see if we have any first come, first serve sites available. If there are sites available, it

would probably be a good idea to arrive early in the week to claim a campsite,” Van Fosson said.

Many state parks will have programs offered during the holiday weekend. Check at the campground kiosk or with the local park staff to find out what programs are planned.

There is a lot of routine work going on in the parks in preparation for the crowds, which is good news given the recent heavy rains and tornadoes.

“We’re going to be ready for the weekend, rain or shine,” he said. “But it is just better for everyone if it’s not rain.”

**For more information, contact Van Fosson at 515-281-6157.**

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## **PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CHANGES TO FURBEARER SEASONS**

DES MOINES – The Iowa Department of Natural Resources will host a public meeting to accept comments on an amended rule that would, in part, allow for a limited bobcat hunting and trapping season. A copy of the proposed changes is available online at [www.iowadnr.com/nrc/07apr/11.pdf](http://www.iowadnr.com/nrc/07apr/11.pdf).

The proposal would open a season in the following counties: Adams, Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Des Moines, Fremont, Henry, Jefferson, Lee, Lucas, Mills, Monroe, Montgomery, Page, Ringgold, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wapello and Wayne. The quota for the total bobcat harvest is 150 from the above counties. The daily bag and season possession limit is one [1] bobcat per hunter/trapper.

The proposed season would be from Nov. 3 through Jan. 31, or until the quota is reached.

The formal public hearing on the amended furbearer rule is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon, May 30, in the fourth floor conference room west, Wallace State Office Bldg., in Des Moines. The other major change includes closing the beaver trapping season on April 1, instead of April 15.

The DNR will also accept written comments on the proposal. Written comments may be sent through the mail to Wildlife Bureau Chief, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Bldg., 502 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. Comments must be submitted on or before May 30, 2007.

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## **TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO ORDER TREES FROM THE STATE FOREST NURSERY**

The State Forest Nursery will continue accepting conservation tree and shrub seedling orders until May 31. More than 25 different species are still available and are trees native to Iowa.

“With the recent rains and approaching warmer temperatures, now is the ideal time to plant conservation trees and shrubs to create a forest, or to stabilize a stream bank and in turn create some needed wildlife habitat,” said Roger Jacob, State Forest Nursery Manager for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The nursery has silver maple, swamp white oak, willows and native shrubs such as arrow wood, buttonbush or dogwoods available to stabilize eroding stream banks or establish riparian buffer strips. Use native shrubs including wild plum, gray or silky dogwoods along with evergreens such as red or white pine to create habitat for native wildlife and songbirds.

Seedlings can be ordered in species units of 100 with a minimum total order of 500. Prices are \$0.25 to \$0.45 per seedling depending on size and species. Shipping to your door is \$5 per 100 plants.

For the smaller areas, foresters recommend the use of the Create A Wildlife packet where landowners can purchase up to 4 different species in units of 50 plants for a total of 200 trees and or shrubs for \$90 plus shipping. “This wildlife packet is perfect for someone with ½ acre of land to devote to wildlife habitat”, says Jacob. “For those with larger backyards, we have developed in cooperation with Audubon Iowa, a Songbird packet that contains 2 bur oak, 2 white pine, 4 wild plum, 4 chokecherry, 4 gray dogwood and 4 serviceberry for only \$20 including shipping” he stated.

“Now is an ideal time to plant trees and shrubs, but you have to act fast to get them ordered and planted to get the benefits of spring growth before the heat of summer arrives,” Jacob said.

For more details for to order, call the State Forest Nursery at 800 865-2477. Information and on-line order form are also available at [www.iowadnr.com/forestry/](http://www.iowadnr.com/forestry/) .

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# ***IOWA FISHING REPORT***

**For the week of May 15, 2007**

**[www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov)**

For current information on fishing conditions for your lake or area, contact the office in that district. Phone numbers are listed with each district report.

## **Southwest**

**Farm Ponds:** Bluegill and crappies are biting well.

**Icaria** (Adams): Anglers are catching 1.5 to 5 pound size catfish. Some walleyes are being caught on jigs. Several largemouth bass up to 16 inches can be caught near shoreline structure. Crappie fishing is excellent with several 7 to 9-inch crappies being caught near shoreline structure on white jigs. Some 7 to 8-inch bluegills can be caught near shore on night crawlers. The lake is full and running over. Water clarity is approximately 2 ½ feet at the dam.

**Little River** (Decatur): Crappies can be caught just off shore on jigs or minnows during mid day and near shore at dusk and dawn. Some channel catfish are biting in shallow water. Anglers have been catching some walleyes off of the dam and the points. Water clarity is approximately 2 feet at the dam.

**Wilson** (Taylor): Crappie and bluegill fishing is excellent on jigs or night crawlers off the dam. .

**Windmill** (Taylor): Several bluegills and some crappies are being caught using jigs or night crawlers while fishing near the dam.

**Green Valley** (Union): Crappies are biting near shore in the evenings or just off shore during the day on minnows. Fishing is good for channel catfish on night crawlers, stink bait and liver off silt dikes or in shallow bays. Bluegills are biting on night crawlers or wax worms. Water clarity is approximately 2 ½ feet at the dam.

**Three Mile** (Union): Channel catfish fishing is good at the north end. Several wipers have been caught using minnows in deepwater near points. Several crappies have been caught in 5 to 10 feet of water near structure and are biting well in the shallower areas at the upper end. Some bluegills are being caught on night crawlers or wax worms. Water clarity is about 6 feet at the dam.

**Twelve Mile** (Union): Walleyes are being caught, but most are 12 inches. Anglers are catching largemouth bass up to 17 inches with most between 11 and 13 inches. The lake is full and running over. Water clarity is about 4 feet at the dam.

**Badger Creek** (Madison): Some channel catfish can be caught in the warm shallow water. Bluegill and crappie are still biting well near the rocks of the jetties and in areas near shoreline access.

**Criss Cove** (Madison): Crappie fishing is good for crappie from 8 to 10 inches.

**Three Fires** (Taylor): Crappie fishing is excellent. Fish from 9 to 10 inches long are being caught from shore in 4 to 5 feet of water. Largemouth bass are easily caught and most are between 10 and 15 inches. The lake is full and easily usable. The water has about one foot of clarity but the fish are still being caught.

**Grade Lake** (Clarke): Anglers are catching nice crappie in near shore at dusk and dawn and in 5 to 7 feet of water during the day.

**Fogle Lake** (Ringgold): Crappies are biting well near shore at dusk and dawn. Some bluegills are being caught on night crawlers. Channel catfish are biting on stink baits.

**Walnut Creek Marsh** (Ringgold): The bluegill and crappie are biting well near shore.

**Contact: Gary Sobotka (641) 464-3108 for information on the above area lakes.**

**Big Creek** (Polk): A lot of 6 to 9-inch crappies are being caught throughout the lake. Try white jigs or jigs tipped with minnows and cast just beyond the weed edge. This is a great lake to take kids fishing right now.

**Hickory Grove** (Story): Crappies are biting. Anglers are catching some larger fish near the culverts. Bass fishing has also been decent and some big bluegills are also being caught.

**Easter Lake** (Polk): Crappies are biting off the point by the boat ramp.

**Saylorville** (Polk): Fishing below the dam has been good. White bass are biting on crankbaits. Wiper fishing has also been good with fish up to 10 pounds. Some catfish, walleye and crappie are being picked up as well.

**Red Rock and Robert's Creek** (Marion): Crappies were beginning to bite before the last rain. The water is now very turbid and fishing has slowed. Some white bass are being caught below the dam.

**Don Williams** (Boone): Crappie fishing is good. Anglers are using white jigs, tipped with minnows in the brush piles, 4 to 5 feet deep. A few catfish are being caught on night crawlers and stink bait.

**Contact: Ben Dodd (515) 432-2823, Ext.108, for information on the above area lakes**

**Orient** (Adair): Fishing is good for channel catfish with average size of 20 inches. Bullheads are being picked up in the silt ponds. Anglers are catching 7 to 9-inch crappies along the dam. Largemouth bass fishing is fair using a slow retrieve and plastic worms.

**Nodaway** (Adair): Bluegill fishing is fair using small jigs tipped with night crawlers. Crappies are moving away from shore but a few are being caught along the dam. Channel catfish fishing is fair using liver.

**Greenfield** (Adair): Bluegill fishing is good with fish moving into shore to spawn. Largemouth bass are being caught using plastic baits.

**Morman Trail** (Adair): Bluegills are moving into shore to spawn on south side of lake in pea gravel. Channel catfish is fair using liver around jetties and in the shallow bays.

**Anita** (Cass): Anglers are catching 7 to 8-inch bluegills using jigs from shore. Channel catfish, 2 to 6 pound size, are being caught on night crawlers and liver. Largemouth bass fishing has been good for 14 to 16-inch fish. Crankbaits and jigs have been used around brush piles.

**DeSoto Bend** (Harrison): The lake is open to fishing. Anglers are catching crappies on small minnows fished under a bobber in 6 to 8 feet of water. A few walleyes have been caught drifting night crawlers around sunken trees.

**Manawa** (Pottawattamie): Fishing for crappies is good in the canals using minnows with bobber, or small jigs. A few wipers are also being caught. Catfishing is good drifting cut bait.

**Prairie Rose** (Shelby): Fishing is fair for 7 to 8-inch crappies, which are now moving away from shore. Catfishing is good in the shallow bays with dead minnows. A few largemouth bass are being caught using a slow presentation. Water is still turbid after the rain last week.

**Farm Ponds:** Farm ponds are beginning to warm now and anglers should be able to pick up fish. Be sure to ask permission from the landowner first, however.

**Contact: Bryan Hayes (712) 769-2587 for information on the above area lakes.**

**For more information on fishing in southwest Iowa, call the regional office in Lewis at 712-769-2587.**

### **Southeast**

**Mississippi River Pools 16 to 18:** Water levels in all pools are below flood stage. The water temperature at Muscatine is 69 degrees. Water level at Fairport is 11.3 feet. Flood stage at this location is 14 feet.

White bass fishing has been good below the dams. Fishing has been good at the steel dam on the **Rock River** and a few white bass are being caught up **Sylvan Slough** and along the Davenport riverfront. Walleye fishing has been slow. Crappies are biting in the backwaters and **Sunset Marina** as well as at West Lake Park. Catfishing has been good on shad parts along the riverfront in Davenport and Moline.

**Lake Darling** (Washington): Crappies are starting to spawn. Look for crappies in six inches of water on out to water about four feet deep. Look for good numbers of 8 to 10-inch fish with the 12-inch plus sized crappies coming in soon to spawn. Yellow twister tails were working well this weekend. Do not be surprised to catch some 7 to 8-inch bluegills and some nice catfish while crappie fishing.

**Lake Geode** (Henry): Crappies are spawning. Look for them along the dam as well as any place where there is a rocky shoreline. Bluegills are also in shallow and are starting to look for nesting sites. Work the weed lines for these fish.

**Lake Belva Deer** (Keokuk): Bluegill fishing remains good and is improving. Anglers are seeing them move to shallow water. Crappies are also in shallow. Look for crappies to be concentrated by the dam and along the rock jetties in 2 to 5 feet of water.

**Lake Rathbun** (Appanoose): Crappies have been hitting on small jigs fished anywhere from 10 feet of water up to the shoreline. With the lake being 10 feet over conservation pool, there is plenty of flooded vegetation that is holding fish. Walleyes are hitting on night crawlers being drifted or slow trolled over areas with rocky drop-offs or other changes in water depth. The water temperature is 62 degrees.

**Lake Sugema** (Van Buren): Crappies and bluegills are hitting on small jigs fished along the shorelines. Largemouth bass have been hitting on a variety of artificial lures. Walleyes have been hitting crankbaits and jig and twister tail combos fished along the rocky shorelines.

**Lake Wapello** (Davis): Bluegills are hitting on a chunk of night crawler fished under a bobber. Most fish are being caught in areas with 3 to 6 feet of water and are

suspending at about 1 foot. Largemouth bass are hitting on spinner baits and crankbaits fished along submerged structure. Channel catfish have been biting on liver.

**Lake Miami** (Monroe): Crappies have been hitting on small jigs fished along the shoreline. Channel catfish have been biting on liver and night crawlers.

**Lake Macbride** (Johnson): Some crappies are up along shallow wood spawning, while the rest wait not far off the bank in slightly deeper brush. Try small jigs or minnows for best results. Some walleyes are also being caught trolling crankbaits or live bait rigs over rocks.

**Kent Lake** (Johnson): Bluegills, crappies, and largemouth bass are being caught here. Look for all three to be fairly shallow. Largemouth bass can be caught on numerous artificial lures, and panfish can be caught near shallow structure on small jigs or live bait.

**Skunk River** (Washington and Henry): The river at Brighton is finally back in its banks.

**Iowa River** (Washington and Louisa): The lack of rain last week allowed the river to stay in its banks. Anglers were picking up some nice catfish last weekend on night crawlers and stink baits.

**Cedar River** (Linn): Anglers are catching white bass, flathead catfish and channel catfish below the dams. Bright colored twisters are catching most of the white bass, while night crawlers have been the best bait for flatheads, and cut shad or night crawlers for the channel catfish

**For more information on fishing in southeast Iowa, call the regional office in Brighton at 319-694-2430.**

### **Northeast**

**Mississippi River Pools 9 to 15:** Water levels on the Mississippi River are continuing to fall and clarity is very good. On Monday, river stage was 8.4 feet at Lansing, 6.9 feet at Guttenberg, 9 feet in Dubuque and 7 feet at Bellevue and falling. The water temperature is 68 degrees. Several species of fish have been biting recently, but fishing pressure has been somewhat light.

Bluegill fishing is good right now in the tailwaters of **Pools 9 to 10** and good numbers of bluegills are being caught in the pockets below the locks and dams or the backwater areas and sloughs in **Pools 12 to 15**. Suspend a night crawler under a bobber next to structure for best success.

Crappie fishing is good in **Pools 12 to 15** in the backwater areas and sloughs. Try working the shoreline with a small jig or minnow under a bobber.

Yellow perch are being caught in the tailwaters of **Lock and Dams 9 and 10**. Small jigs or even a plain hook and worm will work. On the Wisconsin side of the river, some good backwaters to try are the Black Hawk Bottoms (**Pool 9**), Bagley's/Jay's Lake (**Pool 10**) and the Bertom Lake complex in **Pool 11**. On the Iowa side, try Minnesota Slough near New Albin (**Pool 9**), Harper's Slough/Mudhen Lake near Harpers Ferry (**Pool 10**) and Swift Slough/Big Pond near Guttenberg (**Pool 11**). Some yellow perch up to 14 inches are being reported in these areas.

Nice-sized white bass are being caught in the tailwaters of both **Lock and Dam 9 and 10**. Most of these fish are being taken on small spinners and jigs.

The wing dams are producing decent numbers of catfish, walleye and freshwater drum in **Pools 9 to 11**. Concentrate on fishing the front sides (upstream side) of the wing dam. For folks who have not fished the Mississippi River before, wing dams are rocks piled up perpendicular to the main channel and are used to divert water to the navigational channel. They generally start on shore and end near buoys in the main river channel. They can be a dangerous boating hazard. If you are not familiar with river navigation, talk to local bait shops or DNR officials for tips on navigating around these dams. The best fishing areas are generally upstream of wing dams where fish do the most feeding. A simple sliding sinker and night crawler can provide fantastic angling. In addition, a good anchor is needed to hold the boat in these areas with stronger current.

Major side sloughs in **Pools 9 to 11** are also producing good fishing opportunities. In **Pool 9**, Minnesota Slough, near New Albin, and Big Slough, near Lansing, have good populations of catfish, walleye and drum. In **Pool 10**, try Harpers Slough, near Harpers Ferry, or the East Channel between Marquette and Prairie du Chien, Wis. In **Pool 11**, fish Cassville Slough, near Guttenberg, and Hurricane Slough, north of Dubuque.

Walleye fishing is fair in **Pools 12 to 15** above the wing dams. Use a three-way rig tipped with a night crawler for best results. Sauger fishing is good in **Pools 12 to 15** above the wing dams. Again, use three-way rigs tipped with a night crawler.

Fishing for freshwater drum is good using night crawlers on the bottom in **Pools 9 to 15**. Anglers can catch drum from shore using a night crawler tossed in the water below the dams or try fishing near the wing dams.

Smallmouth and largemouth bass fishing continues to be good on crankbaits, jigs and soft plastics fished along rip rap and rocky shorelines or in the backwaters and side channels next to woody cover in **Pools 12 to 15**.

**Cedar River** (Mitchell, Floyd and Chickasaw): Walleye fishing has slowed. Smallmouth bass are biting on night crawlers upriver and below dams. Channel catfish are biting on stink baits. Black crappies are starting to bite on minnows fished under a bobber.

**Cedar River** (Bremer and Black Hawk): Fish below the dams and the mouths of feeder streams for channel catfish. Night crawlers and dead cut baits fished off the bottom work best, but some are hitting jigs and twister tails.

**Maquoketa River** (Delaware): Channel catfish are hitting on night crawlers or dead baits fished on the bottom. Walleye fishing is good on jigs tipped with a night crawler or crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are hitting crankbaits or jigs tipped with a night crawler or twister tail.

**Shell Rock River** (Butler and Bremer): Channel catfish are good below dams and the mouths of creeks. Fish on the bottom using night crawlers or dead cut baits. Some anglers are catching catfish on jigs and twister tails.

**Turkey River** (Clayton): Smallmouth bass fishing is good on night crawlers, plastics and crankbaits. Walleye fishing is good on twister tails or minnows. A few rock bass and suckers are also being caught.

**Upper Iowa River** (Winneshiek and Allamakee): Fishing for 13 to 17-inch smallmouth bass is good floating a twister tail in the current. Walleye fishing is good below the lower dam.

**Yellow River** (Allamakee): Smallmouth bass fishing is good on dark colored jigs from the Ion Bridge to the mouth. Brown trout fishing is also good.

**Black Hawk County Lakes and Ponds:** The water temperature has risen and crappie and bluegill fishing is good. Fish for crappies using minnows and/or jigs next to structure. Bluegills are hitting on a piece of night crawler suspended under a bobber near shore.

**Casey Lake in Hickory Hills Park (Tama):** Fishing is good for bluegills off the jetties using wax worms or a piece of night crawler suspended under a bobber. Also, try artificial flies on fly rods for bluegills feeding at the surface.

**Lake Delhi (Delaware):** Channel catfish are good using dead baits or night crawlers fished on the bottom. Bluegill and crappie fishing has improved around boat docks and structure. Use a small piece of night crawler or small jigs for bluegills. Fish a jig tipped with a minnow or a plain minnow under a slip bobber for hungry crappies.

**Lake Hendricks (Howard):** Crappies are biting on minnows and artificial lures. Largemouth bass are beginning to hit on artificial baits. A 20-inch largemouth bass was caught and released over the past weekend. Bluegill fishing is good on tube jigs and worms.

**Lake Meyer (Winneshiek):** Crappie fishing continues to be excellent on white and black tube jigs, however, many fish are small. Fishing is also good for smaller bluegills on angle worms and crappie jigs. Largemouth bass are biting on night crawlers fished on the bottom.

**Silver Lake (Delaware):** Fishing for bluegill and catfish is fair in Silver Lake located in the town of Delhi. For bluegills, try using a piece of night crawler or a wax worm fished under a bobber. Channel catfish are hitting night crawlers or dead cut baits fished on the bottom.

**Volga Lake (Fayette):** Largemouth bass are hitting twister tails fished in the early morning and late evening. Bluegill fishing is fair.

**Trout Streams:** Trout fishing is good. Water conditions are excellent. Many small insects are hatching along the streams. Many trout stream stockings are announced and the dates of proposed stockings can be found on the Iowa DNR website at [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov) or by calling the trout stocking hotline at 563-927-5736.

**For information on fishing in northeast Iowa, call the regional office in Manchester at 563-927-3276.**

## **Northwest**

**Spirit Lake (Dickinson):** Walleye fishing has been fair. Drifting with leeches in Anglers Bay has been productive. Evening bite has been best with some good reports coming from dock and wader anglers. Most fish are 14 to 17 inches. Largemouth bass fishing is good throwing spinner baits in Anglers Bay. Fish are also being caught at Buffalo Run using a variety of baits. Bullhead fishing is fair on the grade using night crawlers. Crappie fishing is good along the bulrushes in Anglers Bay. Small minnows under a bobber or small tube jigs have been effective. Fish up to 13 inches have been creeled.

**West Okoboji Lake (Dickinson):** Walleye fishing is good. Anglers have been working rock piles in Emerson, Millers and the North Bay using leeches. Anglers have been trolling crankbaits in the evening. Bluegill fishing is good around main lake docks. Try using small hair jigs tipped with wax worms or garden worms. Largemouth bass fishing is excellent in the canals and shallow rock piles using soft plastics.

**East Okoboji Lake** (Dickinson): Walleye fishing is fair in the evening below the spillway. White bass fishing is good below the spillway casting jigs tipped with shiners or minnows. Bluegill fishing is good along the Trestle. Crappie fishing is fair around wooden docks and submerged brush.

**Silver Lake** (Dickinson): Walleye fishing is fair. Anglers are using leeches on snells during the day and working leeches under a bobber at night.

**Center Lake** (Dickinson): Bluegill fishing is excellent along the west shore. Bullhead fishing is excellent using night crawlers.

**Five Island Lake** (Palo Alto): Walleye fishing is fair in the evening from shore.

**Clear Lake** (Cerro Gordo): Walleye fishing is excellent trolling crankbaits in a variety of depths. Remember Clear Lake has a 14-inch minimum length for walleye. Yellow bass fishing has slowed. Fish the Island, Dodge's Point, and east shoreline with small jigs, twisters, or minnows in the mornings and evenings for yellow bass. White bass are being caught trolling crankbaits while walleye fishing. Channel catfish fishing is fair in the west end of the lake. Use dead chubs or liver for the catfish.

**Beeds Lake** (Franklin): Fishing is good for 7 to 10-inch crappies close to the shoreline. Small jigs and minnows are working best.

**Briggs Woods** (Hamilton): Channel catfish are hitting on the diversion dike using chicken liver. Bluegills are hitting small pieces of night crawler or jigs near shore and along the dam.

**Upper and Lower Pine Lake** (Hardin): Crappie fishing is good using minnows and small jigs around the downed trees and rocky shoreline areas.

**Maynes Grove** (Franklin): Bluegills are hitting small pieces of night crawler.

**Smith Lake** (Kossuth): Largemouth bass fishing is excellent. Spinner baits and jerk baits are working the best. Remember Smith Lake has an 18-inch minimum length on bass. Channel catfish are hitting chicken liver and dead chubs.

**Rice Lake** (Winnebago/Worth): Bullhead fishing is excellent using night crawlers. Fish the windy shoreline for the best action.

**Lake Cornelia** (Wright): Fishing is excellent for 9 to 11-inch bullheads using night crawlers. Crappie fishing is good around the jetty and docks.

**Morse Lake** (Wright): Bullheads are biting on night crawlers.

**North Twin Lake** (Calhoun): Crappie and bluegill fishing is good by the docks using small jigs.

**Brushy Creek** (Webster): The lake water is muddy. Some nice walleye and bass have been caught at the north end of the lake. Only a few large bluegills and crappies have been caught.

**Swan Lake** (Carroll): Fishing is excellent for bluegill around the jetties and shallow water. Fish are running from 7 to 9 inches. A small lead head under a bobber or a small hook tipped with a piece of night crawler has been very good.

**Storm Lake** (Buena Vista): Fishing is excellent for walleye trolling # 5 shad raps in clown, hot steel or blue colors in 8 feet of water. Don't forget the 17 to 22 inch protected slot limit on walleye. All walleye in that slot limit must be returned immediately to the water. White bass have been very good using the same methods. Catfish have been excellent on shad entrails, cut bait or night crawlers.

**Black Hawk Lake** (Sac): Walleye fishing is good on the east side of the lake using jigs tipped with leeches. Catfish and bullhead fishing has been good, especially by

the inlet where water is entering the lake.

**For more information on fishing in northwest Iowa, call the regional office in Spirit Lake at 712-336-1840.**

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